

will assist in ensuring effective and fair regulations.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Farms.

Number of Respondents: 1,176.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion; Weekly; Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 204.

Larry Roberson,

Deputy Departmental Clearance Officer.

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Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 96-038N]

Codex Alimentarius: Meeting of the General Principles Committee of the Codex Alimentarius Commission

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA); the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) are sponsoring a public meeting on November 18, 1996. The purpose of this meeting is to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items to be discussed at the Twelfth Session of the General Principles Committee of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, which will be held in Paris, France, November 25-28, 1996.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 18, 1996, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held in Room 107-A, Jamie L. Whitten Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick J. Clerkin, Director, U.S. Codex Office, FSIS, Room 311, West End Court, 1255 22nd Street, NW, Washington, DC 20057. Telephone (202) 418-8852; Fax: (202) 418-8865.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Codex was established in 1962 by two United Nations organizations, the Food and Agriculture Organization and the World Health Organization. Codex is the major international organization for encouraging fair international trade in food and protecting the health and economic interests of consumers. Through adoption of food standards,

codes of practice, and other guidelines developed by its committees, and by promoting their adoption and implementation by governments, Codex seeks to ensure that the world's food supply is sound, wholesome, free from adulteration, and informatively labeled. In the United States, USDA, FDA, and EPA manage and carry out U.S. Codex.

The General Principles Committee of the Codex Alimentarius Commission was established to deal with procedural and general matters referred to it by the Codex Alimentarius Commission. Such matters have included the establishment of the general principles which define the purpose and scope of Codex Alimentarius, the nature of Codex standards and the forms of acceptance by countries of Codex standards, and the development of guidelines for Codex committees.

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following specific issues will be discussed during the November 18, 1996, public meeting:

1. Adoption of the Agenda
2. Matters referred to the General Principles Committee of the Codex Alimentarius Commission by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and other Codex Committees
3. Risk Analysis: Definitions, Procedures, and Principles
4. Review of the Rules of Procedure
5. Review of the Acceptance Procedure for Codex Standards in the perspective of the World Trade Organization's Sanitary and Phyto-Sanitary and Technical Barriers to Trade Agreements
6. Review of the Status of Codes, Guidelines, and related texts
7. Review of the Elaboration Procedure
8. Revision of the Procedural Manual:
 - (a) Guidelines for Codex Committees
 - (b) Criteria for the Establishment of Work Priorities: Integration of strategic planning
 - (c) Unified format of Codex documents for electronic data exchange
 - (d) Relations between Commodity Committees and General Subject Committees
 - (e) Other Aspects
9. Consumer Participation in Codex Work

Done at Washington, DC on November 8, 1996.

Thomas J. Billy,
Administrator.

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Forest Service

Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection for Fuelwood and Post Assessment in Selected States

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent; request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service announces its intent to request an extension of a currently approved information collection. The Forest Service surveys a selected number of residential households and logging contractors to determine the quantities and types of trees cut for fuelwood and fence posts in a given year. This information is used to project demands for renewable resources on State and national forests as a source for fuelwood and fence posts. The information also helps the Forest Service allocate personnel and other resources to help meet these demands.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before January 13, 1997.

ADDRESSES: All comments should be addressed to: Dennis May, Forest Inventory and Analysis, North Central Forest Experiment Station, Forest Service, USDA, 1992 Folwell Ave., St. Paul, MN 55108.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dennis May, North Central Forest Experiment Station, at (612) 649-5132.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description of Information Collection

The following describes the information collection to be extended:
Title: Residential Fuelwood and Post Assessment, Any State, Year.

OMB Number: 0596-0009.

Expiration Date of Approval: February 28, 1997.

Type of Request: Extension of a previously approved information collection.

Abstract: The collected information is used to evaluate the use, by residential households and logging contractors, of renewable resources on State and national forests for fuelwood and fence posts. This information will help the agency project future demands for renewable resources to meet fuelwood and fence post needs. The information collection supports requirements outlined in the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Research Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 1600) as amended by the Energy Security Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 8701).

The Forest Inventory and Analysis Work Units at the Northeastern, North